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### WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho.  
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### THE LITTLE BOOSTERS.

It's a happy thought, that of engaging the school children of Astoria in the work of spreading the gospel of Astoria's and Clatsop's advantages to the world beyond the Oregon boundaries. It will serve to equip them with practical information they ought to possess of their home town and county, and will serve to instruct them as to its industries, and essential elements as home-centers and put them in touch with the spirit of progress to which they will have to subscribe, as citizens, a little later on.

And they have the quality of innocence to back them in their endeavor to make the most of the country they stand for, because they will not be credited with over-stating the situation and will be looked upon as honest and earnest spokesmen, with the accompanying weight such a prestige confers.

We shall be pleased to publish each and every result accruing from this campaign of little people, with full credit, by name and circumstance, as the same shall develop, in order that the young crusaders themselves may know their work has not been in vain.

It is good work to be engaged in and the people that shall come to us at the original behest of the children here, ought to be of a sort that will be welcome in every sense; and it is to be hoped there will be no lack of results, for the sake of the little boosters, as well as for those whom they shall influence to come to the most favored section in all Oregon.

### A DANGEROUS INQUISITIVENESS.

An Episcopal curate has been untroubled in New York for being caught in the police net as a guest in the bag-nio of a colored courtesan.

This man was young, zealous and eager for experiences from which to preach "the Word" to his presumably uninformed parishioners. He chose the most dangerous source of libidinous information he could find, and the police did the rest.

Granting this man the fair and reasonable pretext of being there with honest purpose, we must deny him all benefit of doubt as to wisdom in adopting such a plan. He has followed the line that has wrecked many another young zealot and sacrificed a career of usefulness to an ill-advised and useless program.

In this day of newspapers and swift passing intelligence there is no call for pulp information on the score of the "under-world," the people know, all too well, the rottenness and danger and general character of the sphere this man would have exploited as a warning. There is no need of any large and specific details on the subject from any source, especially one as extraneous as the pulpit is supposed to be, and this inspired beginner has received a life lesson that over-shadows all the lessons that he could have framed and delivered, had he returned, scot-free, from his foolish errand. And perhaps the very incident of his fall and failure, will serve a greater end than ever he had dreamed. The world of men does not look to its pastors for any coaching.

## Self Destruction Is Indefensible

By General William Booth

THE act of self destruction is a violation of the sacredness of life, the law of the land and an outrage upon the moral sense of the people. **SUICIDE IS INDEFENSIBLE.**

Yet it is on the increase in every land and among all classes. Modern civilization cannot claim it has fostered and developed the bonds that bind men to a JUST APPRECIATION of life. Statistics of suicides are alarming, especially in such countries as Denmark, Bavaria and several parts of the German empire. But no doubt many more perish by their own act whose names never appear in the statistical roll of suicides.

The offense is either committed in a way that baffles human skill in its effort to determine the cause of death or means are found by influential friends to hide away the crime.

BUT IF SO MANY WITH SUICIDAL INTENT FIND COURAGE FOR THE BAD DEED, WHO CAN CALCULATE THE NUMBER WHO WOULD CUT THE SACRED THREAD OF LIFE WHICH BINDS THEM TO THIS WORLD IF THEY ONLY DARED?

Nay, how many of the gay, laughing crowd around us have at one time or another CONTEMPLATED suicide, and how many this very day would hurry away from the present stage of being but for an indefinite dread of the future? I believe the number is larger than most people have the slightest conception of.

As to the causes that lead to suicide, they are numberless. No doubt "temporary insanity," the reason commonly assigned by the gentlemen who are so often called upon to inquire into the matter, is frequently the correct one. For who, not worked up to some terrible pitch of excitement TANTAMOUNT TO MENTAL DERANGEMENT, would commit so foolish a deed?

But how does that derangement come about? WHAT IS BEHIND IT?

The reasons commonly suggested are drink, speculation, dissipation, gambling and similar follies. These things lead, it is said, to all sorts of disappointments and vexations, under the influence of which weak, ill balanced, passionate and UNASSISTED minds give way, ending only too often in the deadly recourse to poison, the water, the revolver or the rope.

But farther back in the string of causes for this melancholy transaction I should say there too frequently lies A SENSE OF FAILURE in the struggle of life. Especially is this the case with those who have "come down in the world."

With many I believe the step is taken in the struggle to be good—in the vain effort to master some hated evil habit with the sense of UTTER FRIENDLESSNESS.

No one is at hand with sufficient sympathy or sense to UNDERSTAND them to whom the poor bleeding heart can be laid bare. So the fatal step is taken.

SUICIDE IN NINETY CASES OUT OF A HUNDRED MUST BE THE TRIUMPH OF DESPAIR.

in knowledgeable and familiar terms on such subjects as this. They look for the pure things that are supposed to come from pure and devoted minds, and in such belief, are inclined to follow the teachings laid down.

### HONOR, WHERE IT IS DUE.

The whole world freely admits that Andrew Carnegie is using profound and commendable wisdom in dispensing the millions he has made, and it is inclined to forget the manner, and source, of some of those millions, in the wonderful and utilitarian distribution of them to the common good of the nations. Certainly his gifts to America are uncommonly rich in possibilities for good and another generation will have more to say of them than we can possibly pronounce now.

It is expedient, however, that the country say what it thinks of his generous purposes, and we voice a common sentiment here when we accord him the grateful acknowledgment of the people for the magnificent institute he has builded and endowed, and trust that before he dies he may realize the supreme good he did in making the gift.

The scope of its work is incalculable for the universal good of mankind, and as the years develop its amazing potentialities, the sense of obligation will grow, until it shall memorialize the man in the largeness of its benefits and canonize him through its very accomplishments. What can a man do more than this?

There is a sublimity of heroism to dying for the good, or safety, of the people, but is there less of honor due to the man who lives and does, in the same spirit, for the people? We think not!

### THAW STILL SAFE.

The disagreement of the jury in charge of the Thaw case is no great surprise to the country, though it had been hoped a positive verdict, one way or the other, would have been rendered, for the sake of all concerned. It simply means a re-hash of all the miserable details of the trial, a new jury, a new deal, and a possible repetition of the disagreement.

At all events it holds every suggestion of safety from the extreme penal-

ty of the law, for the young defendant, and from this he will extract vast comfort, for it conveys to the following jury the significance of doubt that was not available with the first, and will not fall of its impression.

The case has a rich state and a rich family behind the relative sides of the big issue and no one will suffer save the man at the bar, and what shall befall him in the days to come will not match nor exceed the measure of agony he has already undergone.

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